**Upkeep and restoration of monuments under National Culture Fund**

2377. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of agreements signed with corporates under National Culture Fund for upkeep and restoration of monuments;

(b) the total amount of money collected from the corporates so far;

(c) whether Government are of the view that the amount so collected is enough to maintain satisfactorily the monuments in respect of which the agreements are signed; and

(d) if not, in what manner Government propose to arrange for the inadequacy of funds?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) The Central Government has signed four agreements with corporates Under National Culture Fund as per details at Annexure.

(b) Total amount of money received from the corporates under National Culture Fund so for is Rs. 27,05,32,279 as per details given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) The corporates have provided funds under NCF only for identified items of works. The normal conservation and maintenance of the monuments are met from the regular budget allocation of ASI.

***Statement***

*Amount received from Corporates under National Culture Fund*

| Sl No | Corporates | Name of the Monument | Purpose | Amount received in Rupees | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 1 | Indian Oil Corporation | (a) Qutb Minar (New Delhi) | For conservation preservation and development to build up the corpus fund of the Indian Oil Foundation and opening charges respectively | 25,00,000 | The amount of Rs. 26,00,00,000 received from the Indian Oil Corporation by NCF was transferred to Indian Oil Foundation. |
| | | (b) Hampi Group of Monuments (Karnataka) | | | |
| | | (c) Sun Temple, Konark (Orissa) | | | |
| | | (d) Kanheri Caves (Maharashtra) | | 1,00,00,000 | |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | (e) Khajuraho Group of Monuments (Madhya Pradesh) | | | |
| 2. | Appejay Surendra Hotels | Jantar Mantar, New Delhi | For conservation, preservation, maintenance, upgradation and beautification. | 1,00,000 | |
| 3. | Indian Hotels Company Ltd. (Tata Group) | Taj Mahal, Agra. U.P. | Protection, promotion, upgradation and beautification. | 1,04,32,279 | |
| 4. | Steel Authority of India Ltd. | Protected Monuments, Lodi Garden | Conservation & Landscaping | Nil | |
| | | | TOTAL | 27,05,32,279 | |

**Development of Srikalahasti in Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh**

2378. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the development of Srikalahasti in Chittoor District of Andhra Pradesh has been taken up under Rural Tourism Scheme in the Tenth Plan period;

(b) if so, what is the total amount required to complete this project; and

(c) by when the project is likely to be completed and the amount so far released for this project?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Based on the proposal received from State Government Rs. 50 lakh has been sanctioned and Rs. 40 lakh has been released till date for tourism related infrastructure development under the scheme of Department of Tourism. Moreover Rs. 19.80 lakh has also been sanctioned and Rs. 15.84 lakh has been released for capacity building including skill upgradation for Srikalahasti under GOI-UNDP Endogenus Tourism Project. The project completion period has been prescribed as December 2007.